

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 174

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the Danube Institute.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those extraordinary organizations that, through their abiding commitment to cross-cultural communication, have distinguished themselves in the realm of international affairs; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable organization is the Danube Institute, which was established by the Batthyány Lajos Foundation in 2013 in Budapest, Hungary, with the aim of encouraging the transmission of ideas and people within the countries of Central Europe and between Central Europe, other parts of Europe, and the English-speaking world; and

WHEREAS, the institute itself has been committed from its foundation to three philosophical loyalties: a respectful conservatism in cultural, religious, and social life; the broad classical liberal tradition in economics; and a realistic Atlanticism in national security policy; and

WHEREAS, while these ideals remain the organization's lodestars, more recently, they have added a fourth commitment: exploring and extending the related concepts of democracy and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, the Danube Institute believes that the nation-state offers the only sure foundation for democracy and that a tolerant civic nationalism is the only basis for a successful democratic internationalism; nation-states are the building blocks of internationalism, and both are to be distinguished from supra- or trans-nationalism, which embody the ambition to transcend them but which have so far failed to match them in democratic accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Danube Institute's methods of developing and transmitting these ideas are research, analysis, publication, debate, and scholarly exchanges; their primary audience is

the universe of center-right intellectuals, political leaders, and public-spirited citizens, but the organization will also engage their counterparts on the democratic center-left in vigorous and principled public debate on as many occasions as possible and appropriate; and

WHEREAS, it is the expressed hope of the Danube Institute to draw upon the best minds of our day across national boundaries in international forums as they endeavor to fulfill their fifth commitment: debate itself, a vital catalyst in building a democratic society; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Danube Institute and extend to these dedicated professionals our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.